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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- I. Trujillo may now face censure by United Nations.
 - A. Soviet Union on 5 September called for urgent meeting of Security

 Council to approve 20 August decision of foreign ministers of

 American states as "aimed to remove threat to peace and security

 created by the Dominican authorities."
 - B. USSR's move probably designed to embarrass US and to capitalize on situation to further its claim to have legitimate interest in Western hemisphere affairs and advance its image as champion of opponents of dictatorship.
 - 1. May also be attempt to disassociate USSR from Trujillo's efforts to flirt with Communist bloc in order to spite US.
- II. Trujillo's press and radio indulged in excessive pro-Soviet propaganda since OAS meeting.
 - A. Radio Caribe stated on 30 August that Dominicans can do without "the Times' chain of Gringolandia; serious news agencies, such as TASS, will understand us."
 - 1. Radio Caribe also ranted that "homes occupied by diplomats of countries that have broken relations with Dominican Republic need to be fumigated and left ready for more pleasing diplomats--possibly from the lands of the Mandarins."
- III. US Consulate at Ciudad Trujillo fears moderate dissident leaders may be discovered and killed by Trujillo before they can act against regime.

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- A. Coalition of anti-Trujillo opponents extending from university students on left to top level military officers on right, under leadership of pro-US moderates, is in final stages of formation.
- IV. Trujillo may soon resume office of President in response to "popular demand."
 - A. Before resigning, puppet President Balaguer would probably appoint dictator secretary of state for armed forces--the next official in presidential succession according to constitution.

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